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June 27, 2014

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Connect America Fund, WC Docket No. 10-90, 47 CFR § 54.313 Annual Reporting Requirements for High-Cost Recipients (Form 481)

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Attached please find the high-cost support recipient annual report pursuant to 47 CFR § 54.313 (Form 481) for Rural Telephone Service Company, Inc. dba Nex-Tech (Nex-Tech).

Nex-Tech is filing certain financial information, reported pursuant to 47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2), as confidential under the November 16, 2012 Protective Order (DA 12-1857). Pursuant to that Order, each page of this filing has been marked "REDACTED - FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION." The non-redacted version of this information has been marked "CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION - SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER IN WC DOCKET NOS. 10-90, 07-135, 05-337, 03-109, GN DOCKET NO. 09-51, CC DOCKET NOS. 01-92, 96-45, WT DOCKET NO. 10-208 BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION." As such, Nex-Tech requests that the non-redacted version of its submission be withheld from public inspection.

Nex-Tech is also requesting confidential treatment of certain information being filed pursuant to 47 CFR § 54.202(a)(1)(ii) and 54.313(a)(1) (five year service quality improvement plan) under 47 CFR § 0.457 and 0.459. The non-redacted version has been marked "CONFIDENTIAL - NOT FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION."

Pursuant to 47 CFR § 0.459, Nex-Tech offers the following in support of its request for confidential treatment of certain information.

- *Identification of the specific information for which confidential treatment is sought:* Nex-Tech seeks confidential treatment of the five year service quality improvement plan.
- *Identification of the Commission proceeding in which the information was submitted or a description of the circumstances giving rise to the submission:* Nex-Tech is providing the five year service quality improvement plan as part of its annual high-cost support recipient report per 47 CFR § 54.313.
- *Explanation of the degree to which the information is commercial or financial, or contains a trade secret or is privileged:* Nex-Tech considers the information to be highly sensitive in that it contains statements about the Company's future investment plans, and discusses specific equipment and strategies the Company will utilize to provide services.

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- *Explanation of the degree to which the information concerns a service that is subject to competition:* Nex-Tech provides voice and broadband services that are in competition with various landline and wireless providers; thus, the investment data disclosed is related to services subject to competition to a high degree.
- *Identification of any measures taken by the submitting party to prevent unauthorized disclosure:* Nex-Tech makes the data being provided available only to employees, consultants, and attorneys on a limited, need-to-know basis.
- *Identification of whether the information is available to the public and the extent of any previous disclosure of the information to third parties:* The information is not publicly available.
- *Justification of the period during which the submitting party asserts that material should not be available for public disclosure:* Nex-Tech requests that the data provided be treated as confidential indefinitely. Due to the sensitive nature of the data, it would not be appropriate for public disclosure at any time in the foreseeable future.

Accordingly, Nex-Tech requests confidential treatment of the five year service quality improvement plan pursuant to section 0.457 and 0.459 of the Commission's rules.

The redacted version of this Form 481 submission will be filed via the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) in the above-captioned docket.

If you have any questions about this filing, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,



Rhonda S. Goddard
COO, Regulated Services

Attachment

cc: Charles Tyler